

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: When will TWIGS audition applications for SY 25/26 open?**

**A:** TWIGS audition applications will be open April 1, 2025.

**Q: How long are applications open?**

**A:** All students must submit an application for auditions within 30 days of the open application.

**Q: How can I learn more about TWIGS before auditions take place?**

**A:** Email [twigs@bsfa.org](mailto:twigs@bsfa.org) and request to be added to our email list. You will receive an email to confirm you have been added to our email list. Eventually, you will receive an email about our virtual information sessions as well as an email to register for 1 of 2 of our in person Open House sessions. Dates to be decided.

**Q: Who should complete an application?**

**A:** The following students should complete an application for an audition:

- ❖ NEW students auditioning for TWIGS.
- ❖ FORMER TWIGS students who are not currently enrolled i.e withdrew from the program.
- ❖ CURRENT TWIGS who would like to audition for a NEW department.
- ❖ **ALL CURRENT Visual Arts 4th and 5th Graders must re-audition for the next program year.**

\*Please note: TWIGS students who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED & PARTICIPATING in the program will be provided with instructions for RE-ENROLLMENT.

Only complete an application if they are auditioning for a new department.

- ❖ **The only exception to this are all current 4th and 5th grade Visual Arts students who must complete an application and re-audition this year.**

**Q: Do I have to reside in Baltimore City in order for my child to audition for TWIGS?**

**A:** Students must either reside in Baltimore City limits OR attend a Baltimore City Public/Charter School in order to apply for an audition.

**Q: How many departments can my student audition for?**

**A:** Each student may only audition for up to TWO different departments (Acting, Stage Design & Production, Film, Visual Arts, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, and Dance). If they are auditioning for Instrumental Music, they may audition for up to two instruments and are not able to audition for another department. If they audition for two departments and are accepted into both, they must pick one department to participate in.

**Q: What grade does TWIGS start?**

**A:** This depends on the art department your student is interested in auditioning for:

- ❖ **Dance** - Rising 2nd through rising 8th graders can audition
- ❖ **Acting and Stage Design & Production** - Rising 5th through rising 8th graders can audition
- ❖ **Film & Visual Storytelling** - Rising 7th and rising 8th graders can audition
- ❖ **Visual Arts** - Rising 4th through rising 8th graders can audition
- ❖ **Vocal Music** - Rising 6th through rising 8th graders can audition
- ❖ **Instrumental Music** - This depends on their instrument of choice:
  - Rising 2nd through rising 4th graders can audition for: Piano, Harp, Violin, Viola, or Cello
  - Rising 5th through rising 8th can audition for those instruments listed above, AND: double bass, classical guitar, percussion, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, euphonium/baritone, flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, or saxophone
- ❖ "Rising"- the term we use to describe the grade your child will enter during the next school year

**Q: When will we find out the time and date of the audition?**

**A:** All students who have submitted an application will receive their audition appointment date and time no sooner than Friday, May 16th and no later than Monday, May 19th.

TWIGS Audition Week is Tuesday May 27, 2025 - Monday June 2, 2025.

Depending on the department they are auditioning for and their age or grade, your student may be scheduled to audition on any date/time during Audition Week.

**Weekday audition dates** will be held during after school hours from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. **Saturday auditions** will be held between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

**Q: What if we are not available at the time my student is scheduled for their audition?**

**A:** You can email whomever sent you the audition appointment time to see if there is any flexibility within Audition Week (May 27th - June 2nd). While we will always try to find a time that works, sometimes it is simply not possible to accommodate everyone's request.

**Q: After auditions, when will I find out if my child has been accepted into TWIGS?**

**A:** It will take up to 4-6 weeks after Audition Week for decisions to be made. Parents/Guardians will be contacted via email.

**Q: Are auditions in-person or virtual?**

**A:** All auditions will be held in-person. Some auditions require home preparation or assignments to bring to their in-person auditions. Please see below for details.



**Q: What does my child have to do for their audition?**

**A:** Please click on the links below to view the specific audition requirements for each department.

- ❖ [Dance Audition Information](#)
- ❖ [Visual Arts Audition Information](#)
- ❖ [Instrumental and Vocal Music Audition Information](#)
- ❖ [Stage Design & Production Audition Information](#)
- ❖ [Acting Audition Information](#)
- ❖ [Film Adobe Suite Audition Information](#)